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Lest we forget

By Beverley Grondin

Nov. 11 marked 81 years since the end of the First World War. After that war, known as the Great War, Canada fought in the Second World War from 1939 to 1945 and again in the Korean War, which began in 1950. Each year on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Canadians take a moment to commemorate the men and women who served our country in hopes of preserving the quality of life of their descendants. This year, students and faculty at Conestoga College's Doon campus took the time to reflect in a ceremony held in the Sanctuary. In the final moments of the ceremony, two minutes of silence was held, to remember our fallen soldiers. Steve Coleman, Doon Student Association's vice-president of student affairs, started planning the Remembrance Day ceremony during the summer. "(Remembrance Day) is to honour those who fought for us," said Coleman. "(We must) not forget the sacrifices they've made." In order to remind people of some of the lives that were lost and the sacrifices these young soldiers made, the half-hour ceremony consisted of letters, poems and essays written by soldiers.

"As years go by, it gets further and further (in the past)," said Coleman. "With ceremonies like this, it reminds people it did happen." The readings were done by Coleman, as well as Mike Harris, DSA vice-president of education, Tom Oliverio, second-year computer programming analyst, Jessica Sperling, second-year business management and Janice Saywell, second-year radio and television broadcasting. Accompanying the readings was a Power Point presentation including old war photographs, adding a visual to the story. Coleman said he wanted to make this year's ceremony different from years past, adding it is important to present things in a new way to keep it interesting for students. This year, instead of having someone read it, Saywell sang John McCrae's poem, In Flanders Fields. Coleman succeeded in his goal of reaching the audience. Those in attendance listened attentively, many with their heads bent in thought or with eyes riveted to the stage. At the end of the ceremony, Coleman led a group of students and faculty to the back of the main building, by the pond, to finish planting the DSA's yearly memorial tree.



DSA vice-president of student affairs Steve Coleman chose a Red Maple tree to plant as this year's memorial tree for the Remembrance Day celebration. (Photo by Beverley Grondin)

College surpasses campaign goal

By Beverley Grondin

This year's Conestoga College United Way campaign has surpassed its \$30,000 goal. As of Nov. 4, the total money raised was \$32,347. Eleanor Conlin, chair of academic research and co-ordinator of the United Way campaign at the college, said she expects more money to trickle in until the end of November. "It was a wonderful effort," said Conlin, who mentioned about 68 per cent of college employees donated money this year, up from about 46 per cent last year. Conlin said some money came from the sale of about 80 Conestoga College employee cookbooks and Beaver Foods spaghetti and Pizza Pizza luncheons. "In the province we're one of the top contributors among community colleges," said Conlin, adding Conestoga has exceeded the United Way's \$25,000 cornerstone status for the fifth year. "We believe that giving to the United Way means giving to agencies that our students and employees (sometimes) have to access," she said. According to United Way statistics, about one in three people in the community will

access a United Way agency. "This makes it a valuable way of helping all of us," Conlin said. Anne MacKay, director of development for the Kitchener-Waterloo and Area United Way campaign, said the campaign had raised over 63 per cent of its \$4.65-million goal as of Nov. 5. She said last year the region surpassed its \$4.45-million goal by \$110,000. Although the city's campaign officially ends Nov. 12, the money keeps coming in for a couple of weeks afterwards, said MacKay. The total, which will provide funding for next year's programs, will be announced Nov. 26. When asked if she expects donations to surpass this year's goal, MacKay said she's cautiously optimistic. "You work as hard as you can and try not to think about it too much," she said. MacKay said the people who run the campaign, as well as those who donate, are trying to do a little something for people they haven't met and will never meet. "The United Way is the invisible thread between the donor and the individual who needs the support," she said.



Ann Wallace (left), president of Conestoga's support staff union and Eleanor Conlin, chair of academic research, add to the United Way donations. (Photo by Beverley Grondin)

Two students win new award

By Anna Sajfert

Two woodworking technology students from Conestoga College won the People's Choice Award at the first Woodworking Machinery and Supply Canadian Student Furniture Design competition, held in Toronto between Oct. 29 and 31.

Mike Miedema, a first-year student, and Tim Scholman, second year, impressed the wood manufacturing industry by designing a two-level occasional table using only a four-by-eight sheet of one-half MDF (Medium Density Foil) and a sheet of Wilsonart high pressure laminate, according to the contest rule.

The two students said they wanted to be involved in the project because it was an enormous learning process, as well as a challenge.

They said it was a co-ordinated effort. While Miedema invented the model, the engineering plan was Scholman's responsibility and he took it a step further by rendering the design.

"At the start, I didn't really visualize a finished 3-D table in my mind," said Miedema. "I used the four-by-eight layout and tried to fit a bunch of pieces into that specific area. I knew how each piece looked, and how it would fit together. So I guess I sort of did it backwards."

He said the next time he will concentrate on creating a design

that he actually likes, and then worry about fitting the pieces on the sheet.

Scholman said the two-week project required more work and less sleep.

"But we never thought of quitting," he said.

Blair Tullis, publisher of the Canadian Woodworking magazine and the contest organizer, said the jury, which was comprised of three prominent Canadian furniture designers, Michael Fortune, Esther Shipman and Willy Ewafschuk, had a tough decision.

"Conestoga's project was an excellent and very interesting piece," Tullis said. "Interestingly, the University of British Columbia and Conestoga College had the same design pattern."

Only 12 of the 28 Canadian woodworking and design universities and colleges participated, he said.

The Selkirk Community College's fine woodworking program, from Nelson, B.C., took home the gold for their design of a yellow and black occasional table.

Michael Grace, a head instructor in the fine woodworking program at Selkirk, said the winning students, Micha Forestell and Tim Duplessis, based their "unequalateral" table on four triangles, which made the design abstract and eye-catching.

"Selkirk is very ecstatic right now," he said.



Mike Miedema, a first-year woodworking technology student, designed the occasional table, which won him and his classmate, Tim Scholman, the People's Choice Award at the first Canadian Student Furniture Design competition on Oct. 31 in Toronto. (Photo by Anna Sajfert)

The victory came as a surprise to everyone because Selkirk doesn't promote itself as a school of design like Sheridan College, which placed fourth, said Grace.

Selkirk took home \$250 and two power tools by DeWalt.

Peter Findlay, a woodworking instructor at Conestoga College, said he is very satisfied with the People's Choice Award and proud of Conestoga's woodworking facility.

"It's the best one in Ontario," he

said. "Let's not forget we're not a design school and the capabilities of our facilities relate to AutoCAD and CNC (computer numerated control)."

Findlay said Conestoga's table turned out a lot bigger in size compared to other tables because the students carefully looked at how each piece fit.

Mike McClements, dean of technology at Conestoga College, said the show was gratifying overall because there are a lot of

Conestoga graduates from the woodworking department who are now working in the industry.

"It's great we won the People's Choice Award. The design was creative and artistic," he said. "However, we can't be too competitive in the area of design because we teach manufacturing."

McClements added Conestoga will participate in the next Canadian Student Furniture Design competition, which will be held in 2001.

New year will end smoking in public places

By Beverley Grondin

Smokers in Waterloo Region won't be able to smoke in any

public establishment as of Jan. 1, 2000.

This means all restaurants, bars, bingo halls, pool halls and bowl-

ing alleys will not tolerate smoking on their premises. Or, at least that is what the bylaw is meant to enforce.

Susan Close, manager of the heart, health and cancer prevention program with Waterloo Region, said the smoke-free bylaw was passed in 1996, at which time an agreement was established with seven municipalities to have common standards for the region. Prior to 1996, each municipality had different bylaws regarding smoking in public establishments.

Some establishments have been smoke-free since then, and the final phase-in, when all public establishments will become 100 per cent smoke-free, is planned for January 2000.

The seven municipalities involved are the cities of Waterloo, Kitchener and Cambridge and the townships of Wilmot, Woolwich, North Dumfries and Wellesley.

Close said the bylaw has been enforced through an awareness campaign by the health department. There is also a tobacco information hotline for people with questions or complaints to call. She said there have been about 800 calls per year to the hotline.

"Many (of the calls are) regarding companies not complying to previous expectations, (and) complaints from customers regarding not enough smoke-free areas," said Close.

She added the region has 20 enforcement officers who will monitor whether premises are complying with the bylaw.

"If owners don't have signs up alerting their customers of the non-smoking bylaw, they can be

fined \$245," said Close. "The same fine will be given to individuals smoking in public establishments."

People get a warning if they are caught in violation of the bylaw. If they don't comply they will be fined. Close said if an establishment or an individual continues to violate the bylaw, they will have to appear in court and can face a fine of around \$5,000.

Don Huras, general manager at Whiskey Jack's restaurant and bar in Kitchener, said it will be difficult to enforce the bylaw because the region doesn't have enough people to enforce it.

"We'll be the ones to put out the fires," he said, adding he doesn't see being able to stop people from smoking in the nightclub, but he will try to enforce it in the restaurant.

"We want to follow the law, but in a nightclub I see it almost impossible to try to enforce." He added that he is open to suggestions on the best way to enforce the bylaw.

Close said only 25 per cent of the population in Waterloo Region smoke, and many smokers appreciate the bylaw because it will eliminate the temptation to smoke.

Although Huras said the growing pains of the new bylaw will be difficult to deal with, he believes it will eventually work.

"The one thing to compare it to," he said, "is nobody ever thought Tim Horton's would become non-smoking, but it seems to have increased their business."

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In brief

DSA buys laminator

By Beverley Grondin

The Doon Student Association has purchased a laminating machine for students to use. It will be located in the DSA office in the Sanctuary.

Each laminated page will cost \$1.50. DSA business manager Becky Boertien told the DSA executive at their meeting Nov. 2 in order to cover the initial cost of the laminating machine, it must be used 236 times at this cost.

The price is reduced for orders of 30 pages or more, according to DSA president Ellen Menage. The price will likely be similar to that of colour photocopies, she said. That price is \$1 per copy for orders of 31 to 100.

Menage said the laminator should be ready for students' use by Nov. 15.

Keeping the past alive

The DSA wants Doon students to submit their ideas for the Millennium time capsule project at the DSA's office in the Sanctuary.

The DSA is considering contributing to the Our Millenium program, a nationwide effort to encourage Canadians to contribute gifts to the future.

The executive is planning to use old Spoke stories, as well as old DSA T-shirts and building plans for the project.

DSA president Ellen Menage told the executives Nov. 2 Our Millenium representatives from

Waterloo Region approached the DSA during the summer to see if Conestoga College's student organization would want to provide something from the Conestoga College community.

One idea brought forward at the executive meeting, held Nov. 2, was to create a time capsule containing items from past and present DSA members and activities they have held.

Encouraging faculty and other school organizations to create their own time capsules was also discussed.

Another idea discussed was a major cleanup of the pond.

Menage said that Our Millenium, which is a not-for-profit organization, will likely donate some money to the project, depending on the need.

Cafeteria reopens

By Anna Sajfert

The cafeteria at Waterloo campus of Conestoga College, which has undergone two months of remodelling, was reopened on Nov. 1.

Beaver Foods and Conestoga College made a joint investment in the expansion of the kitchen and dining room, which now has a

total area of 3,000-square feet compared to 2,350, said John Kast, manager of Beaver Foods.

Windows have been installed in the dining room, which was previously a room with four walls and the room now has 18 tables and 108 chairs.

"It looks more presentable," he said. Although the Waterloo campus cafeteria has no fast food restaurants yet, it now has a short-order section and a cook.

Woodworking students offered a new scholarship

By Anna Sajfert

StoreImage, a Brantford-based manufacturer of department store displays and fine images and which also has a representative on the program advisory committee for the woodworking program at Conestoga College, has introduced two \$1,000 scholarships for students in the woodworking programs.

The scholarships will be awarded to the best furniture concept

and design, said Peter Findlay, a woodworking instructor at Conestoga College.

Findlay is responsible for selecting the top five furniture designs and StoreImage chooses the winner.

The money goes toward the student's tuition, Findlay said.

"The only contest restrictions that apply are no yachts, pool tables or canoe designs," he said. "It's common sense."

For the participants in the three-

year woodworking technology program category, the first draw is due at the end of December or early January and the money will go towards his/her winter semester tuition for 2001.

For the contestants in the second-year woodworking technologist division, the scholarship will go toward his/her summer tuition for 2000.

Findlay said the three-year woodworking students' project must include AutoCAD drawings.

DSA executive discusses bus trip policies and fees

By Anna Sajfert

The Doon Student Association's executive meeting Nov. 9 began with discussion of an amendment to the bus trip policy.

The concern was raised after the DSA announced an out-of-province trip to the Buffalo Bills vs. New England football game, scheduled for Nov. 28.

Some members felt it was imperative to exclude anyone who is not a student at the Doon campus because the executive does not have a policy that supports appeals for these people in cases of offences such as drunkenness and rowdiness.

"Let's eliminate the non-student population," said Ramy Michael, promotion assistant for residence and clubs.

"Instead of serving the outside community, let's serve the students," he said.

The executive also disputed possible ticket discounts for Conestoga alumni.

Before the bus trip policy was passed, the executive agreed to keep the ticket price at \$55, available only to Doon students until the week of Nov. 21.

All last-week ticket sales will be open to other

Conestoga College students, as well as non-students with a limit of three tickets per person, said DSA president Ellen Menage.

Menage said she consulted with Fanshaw College and Georgian College on their bus trip policies and is currently looking into contacting other Ontario colleges to determine what their policies are.

In other business, the basketball club at Doon campus, which has asked to use the gym at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre for games and was then told to pay an hourly fee of \$88 for hours booked outside school hours, is asking for a discount, according to Menage.

Discount wanted

She said the club members shouldn't have to pay the additional charge because they have already paid the mandatory athletic fee, which covers the use of the gym between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Menage and Michael Harris, DSA vice-president of education, are looking into why students must pay \$88 an hour to rent out the gymnasium outside of school hours.

It was brought to their attention when they received a letter from the Doon Diamonds, the college's basketball club, which needed funds to hold a game at the centre on Nov. 20.

Policy needed

According to the letter, the basketball club will only be able to hold one home game this semester, because of the cost.

Jenn Hussey, vice-president of student affairs, said the DSA definitely needs a membership policy.

The remainder of the members agreed that a gym membership policy is necessary to clarify student's rights, freedoms and responsibilities when using the recreation centre, which is also open to the outside community.

Michael said he was surprised by the dollar figures outlined by Ian James, director of athletics and recreation at Conestoga College.

Michael said he has used the gym after-hours, borrowing whatever hockey equipment and gear was available, but was never charged an additional fee.

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Gov't offside on NHL tax breaks

The provincial government must not subsidize professional hockey teams by offering tax breaks on their arenas.

That's the message that should be made loud and clear to the government in response to its plan to provide tax incentives to privately owned sports facilities.

The plan, announced Oct. 28 by Ontario Finance Minister Ernie Eves, would reduce the province's share of property taxes from these sites by as much as \$16 million annually, with the proviso that municipal governments must match the reduction.

The proposal creates a new, narrowly defined tax class that potentially affects only four professional buildings including Toronto's Air Canada Centre, Maple Leaf Gardens and SkyDome. The Corel Centre in Kanata, home of the Ottawa Senators, is the other building affected.

Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman, understandably fearful of losing property tax revenue from the three Toronto properties, has voiced his disapproval of the proposal, saying it jeopardizes the plan in that city.

"We don't have enough money even for the homeless and for kids, never mind for professional sports that are paying out millions and millions of dollars just to acquire players. There's no money for it," said Lastman in a Toronto Star article Oct. 29.

Canadian-based NHL teams have long lobbied for tax assistance and their pressure, particularly in recent years, has intensified.

They are finding it increasingly difficult to compete with U.S.-based teams that are not as burdened with property taxes or saddled with a devalued currency.

Rod Bryden, owner of the money-losing Senators, has effectively played a game of economic extortion, threatening to move his team south if government assistance is not forthcoming.

However, what Bryden may not realize, is that the provincial government is not obligated to protect professional hockey teams from their own mismanagement.

Increased funding for education and health care is much more of a priority than padding the already thick wallets of professional athletes and their wealthy owners.

Ian James, Conestoga's manager of athletics and recreation, would greatly appreciate some financial handouts from the province to resurrect a men's varsity basketball team.

"If we had an additional \$10,000 to \$12,000, we could field a competitive varsity men's basketball team," he said.

Conestoga doesn't have a team simply because the funds aren't available, said James.

Despite the province's willingness to help higher-profile professional teams, James said the plan may benefit amateur teams as well.

"The province helps the higher-end teams because it's more profitable, and the ripple effect could encourage participation at the amateur level," said James. But this doesn't give Conestoga the money to fund a varsity men's basketball team.

As an alternative to the Tory plan, perhaps the NHL should incorporate revenue sharing similar to the NFL in its next collective bargaining agreement in 2004.

In the NFL, small-market teams, such as the Green Bay Packers, effectively compete with the larger teams because revenue from television contracts, for example, is evenly distributed among all teams regardless of market size.

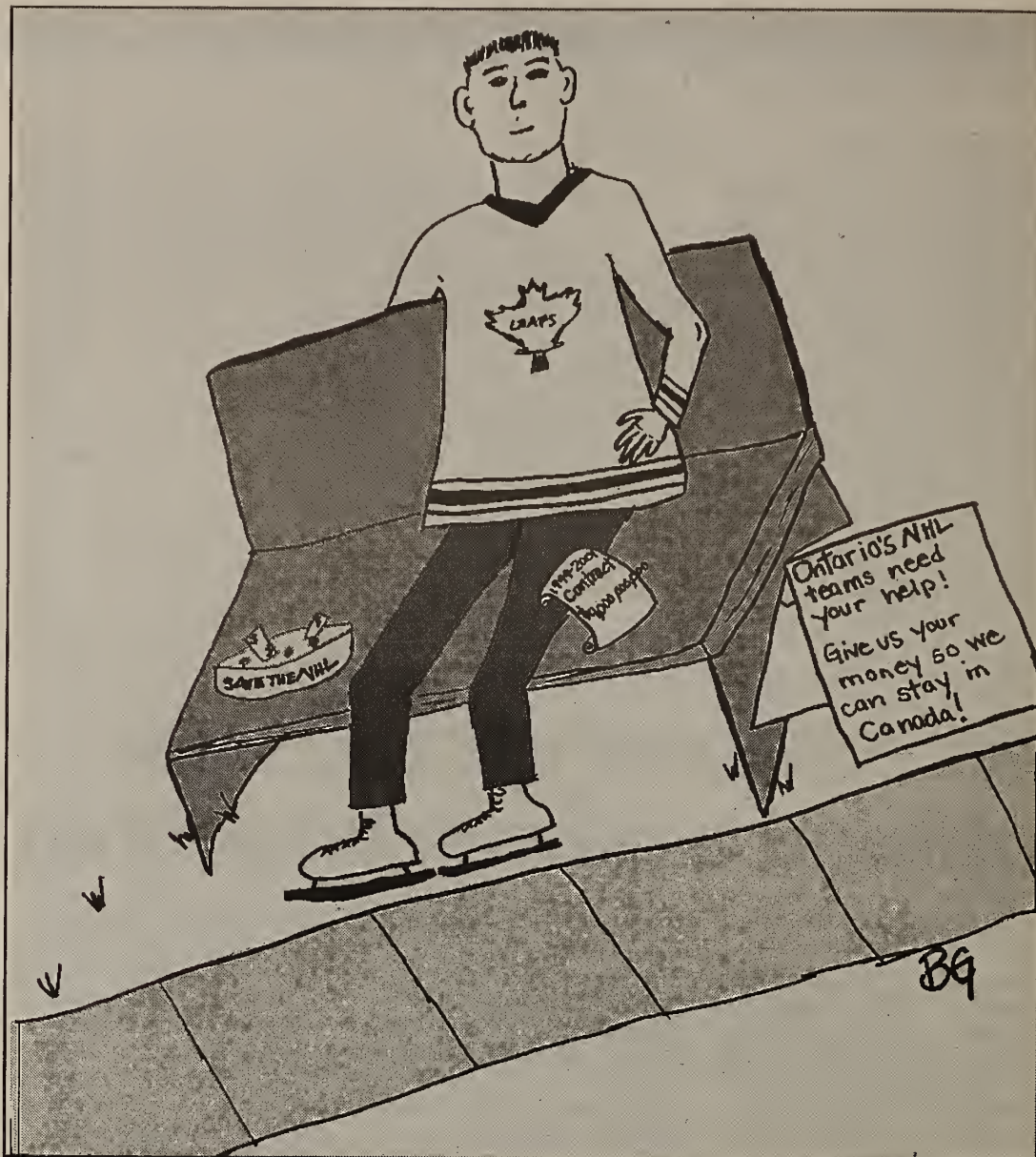
Although it sounds simple, selling such a scheme to the NHL players union could prove to be an uphill battle.

With player salaries increasing annually 10 to 15 per cent beyond inflation, the union would not be receptive to revenue sharing unless it proves more profitable than the current scheme.

Perhaps Ontario NDP leader Howard Hampton summarized the opposition to the tax break best in a Toronto Star article of Oct. 29.

"I think it's the worst example of corporate welfare. This is saying to an industry that pays its players multi-million dollars . . . that we're going to subsidize them."

In hockey parlance, the unpopular tax break plan would merit at least a game misconduct for the government in taxpayers' eyes.



Government just blowing smoke

Smoking kills. Everybody knows that, including the federal and provincial governments.

Since the implementation of the provincial Tobacco Control Act in 1994, the Ontario government has been vigorously trying to prevent minors from lighting up and to deter adults who already do.

The Tobacco Control Act prohibits anyone from selling cigarettes to people under 19 years old.

To ensure tobacco vendors are held accountable, fines from \$2,000 to \$75,000 were created for anyone caught selling tobacco to minors.

The Tobacco Control Act prohibits smoking in schools, hospitals, nursing homes and shopping malls.

Pushing the envelope further, all public places in Waterloo Region

will become smoke free as of Jan. 1, 2000.

This legislation follows a drastic tax cut on tobacco by Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I. in 1994 to stop smuggling. The price of cigarettes was reduced by almost half.

But all the anti-tobacco legislation the government has introduced contradicts the tobacco tax cut it has implemented, because it is sending mixed messages.

On one hand, the government is doing a lot to ensure profits remain in its pocket by keeping tobacco sales in Canada. On the other hand, the same government is adamantly against smoking and is making it a difficult task by prohibiting smoking in so many places.

The government doesn't want people to smoke, but it doesn't want anyone else profiting from people's ultimate demise. I can't think of another lethal substance so endorsed by the government.

Now, before you label me as one of those avid non-smokers, you

must realize I have the unique perspective to see things from both sides of the coin.

I was 14 years old when I started smoking. In 1993, I spent about \$7 for a pack of cigarettes and they were easy to get without identification.

After the Tobacco Control Act was implemented, a pack of cigarettes cost about \$3, but it was next to impossible for me to buy them.

I quit smoking eight months ago after five years and now I realize anti-tobacco legislation is a good thing, because 14-year-old smokers are becoming as abundant as cars.

Since I won my battle over nicotine, I realize how much effort the government puts into the anti-smoking campaigns.

I suggest the government not waste another breath on this issue and make tobacco as illegal as heroine. Face it, they're both addictive and they will both kill you.

The sooner everyone butts out, the better.



Tannis Fenton

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Keeping Conestoga College connected

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Remembering not important at Conestoga

By Nicole Furlong

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month people around the world paused for a moment of silence to remember those who gave their lives to ensure a better future for society.

This sacred day is supposed to be a memorial for soldiers who died in both world wars, as well as a time for present-day generations to celebrate the life that has been the legacy of those fallen men and women.

Remembrance Day has come and gone for another year and it has become shockingly clear that the day is of little or no importance to the majority of students at Conestoga College.

Students polled in a random survey on Nov. 9 were asked what



Douglas

impact Remembrance Day has on their lives. The majority of students said it doesn't mean much to them because they are not personally affected. Faculty members, however, shared a different opinion.

Paul Mouradian, a second-year construction engineering student, said the day doesn't mean much to him.

"I don't know anyone who fought in the war," he said.

Responses from other students varied a little, but the majority of students agreed the day doesn't hold a special place in their hearts.

Chris Garstin, a third-year computer programming student, said



Lemay

his grandfather took part in the war, but he is still not affected by it.

Steve Lemay, a second-year broadcast student, took the same attitude as Garstin, but thought a bit more of the day.

"When the time comes I think of my family members who might have been involved in the war," he said.

Two female students who were polled took a more sensitive approach to the question.

Kiran Sharma, a first-year general arts and science student, said the day gives people a chance to reflect on those who gave up their lives for us.



Sharma

happy to know that what those people did allows me to live my life the way I am today."

Justyna Masiuk, a second-year marketing student, followed suit saying she celebrates Remembrance Day.

"It's a time to remember the people who died by wearing a poppy and thinking about the good things they did for us."

For some college faculty and employees, the day has a lot more relevance.

Don Douglas, program co-ordinator of the law and security administration/police foundations program, said his father fought in the war with the Canadian Armed



Masiuk

Forces, and ultimately his family immigrated to Canada from the Caribbean where he was born.

"For me the day is about my father putting his life on the line for my mother and I," he said. "For that I'm very appreciative."

Dan Fisher, who teaches in the broadcasting program, said the day probably means more to him than it does to a lot of people because he remembers details about the war.

Fisher said because he lived in Nova Scotia during wartime, he remembers a German ship, which had surrendered, being escorted into the harbour by Canadian destroyers.

"It's a time to remember a really bad time of our history," he said. "We have to stop and remember things like that."



Fisher

Letter to the Editor:

Roost patrons and staff members practise self-restraint

I have just finished reading an article in the Nov. 1 issue of Spoke, titled, "Students Need to Practise Self-Restraint at School" written by Walerian Czarnecki.

As a member of the wait staff of the Condor Roost Sports Bar, I am offended by the whole article.

I recognize Mr. Czarnecki as a patron of the Sports Bar. On the day that he is referring to in his article, he was at the Roost with a friend. Yes, they were watching rugby and drinking beer themselves. What a hypocrite!

That day, he did not interview any of the students that were at the bar. How would he know that they were first-year students? I know for a fact that one entire group was second- or third-year students, most of them with averages of between 80 and 90 per cent.

It is also my opinion that the students who come up to the Sports Bar do not drink because of peer pres-

sure. They are just letting loose a little. Some of the students come to the Roost to play pool or foosball and do not order alcohol of any kind.

Do not assume that the students are so stupid that they are incapable of making their own decisions. They are, after all, in college. Do you also assume that this is the first time they have ever drunk? Do you assume that the staff of the Condor Roost is so stupid that we don't know when somebody has had enough to drink?

My mistake was assuming that a journalism student (assuming Mr. Czarnecki is indeed one) would attend the class that explains you assume nothing. Remember - ASS-U-ME.

Renata Collins
Staff at Condor Roost Sports Bar

Letter to the Editor:

Give credit where it's due

When I was growing up, I was always told to give credit where credit was due. Apparently Adam Wilson was not taught this lesson.

In his article in the Oct. 25 issue of Spoke, he reported that the Doon Student Association (DSA) held the pond jump. Just to give credit, the DSA, while being a great group working for students, did not organize the jump in the lake. It was actually put together by The WAVE Radio Station.

Joe Scully jumped in the lake of his own free will and asked Steve Coleman to join him. Not the other way around.

The idea of the two students jumping in the lake (as dingy as ours), for charity is highly commendable and should be given a standing ovation. It's too bad that Adam Wilson didn't spend the time to get the facts right for a story such as this one.

Janice Saywell, second-year radio and television broadcasting

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Student Life

LRC tests three new databases

By Adam Wilson

Doon's Learning Resource Centre is currently testing three new databases for student use on their computers.

The new programs are an advantage to many students because

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they provide more information than the databases the LRC has.

The new databases, Newscan, ProQuest and Infotrak, are being used on a trial basis now.

Newscan is a Canadian database that consists of 17 English language newspapers and some French language papers. Newscan will be on trial until March 2000.

ProQuest is similar to Newscan, except it is an index of magazine articles on many different topics ranging from business to technical areas. ProQuest is on trial until Nov. 19.

Infotrak, the third new program, is similar to the other two programs. This index has many different articles on many topics, including business, social sciences and computing. It will be on trial until Dec. 1.

All of the new databases are well organized, faster than any of the

others the LRC currently has and much faster than the Internet, said Cathy Potvin, co-ordinator of information services for the LRC.

The new databases are not going to replace any of the ones the LRC has now, said Potvin.

"The programs we have now are used a lot, and we think they're good. These new ones will just be in addition to what we already have."

The LRC decides whether or not they will keep the new programs based on feedback from faculty and students, she said.

Feedback on the new programs has been good so far, but Potvin encourages more feedback so the LRC staff can decide whether or not the new databases are useful.

Potvin said price is always a consideration when deciding whether to keep a certain database.

"The prices vary quite dramati-

cally," said Potvin. "Each database would cost a few thousand dollars if we decide to keep them."

The Newscan database alone will cost \$2,000.

Potvin said the prices change yearly and the programs themselves must always be renewed.

"You have to keep renewing your subscription to the database each year. It's a lot like a magazine."

In addition to the new databases, the LRC is offering many new and different tools.

The LRC has a data video projector (DVP) which is found in group viewing room 5.

Partially funded by the Doon Student Association, the DVP is used by students doing presentations. The projector is loaded with Power Point, a presentation software, and linked to the Internet so students can show articles or objects from the Web while doing a presentation.

Potvin said the DVP is also used by the LRC staff while conducting their instructional sessions at the beginning of each semester.

The LRC staff has also co-designed a LRC home page. The

site is linked from the Conestoga College home page in the services link.

The LRC's home page has information, including a partial library catalogue and links to businesses in the area, the K-W Record, local libraries and universities.

Two new resources were given to the LRC by the Conestoga Business Student Association for their students.

The first one is RMA (Robert Morris Associates) Annual Statement studies.

Potvin said this CD-ROM provides different types of information on as many as 600 businesses.

"This is a way to benchmark your business compared to others," she said.

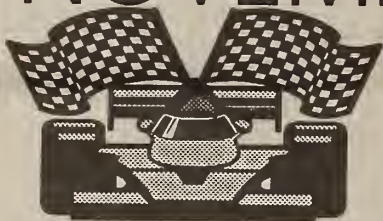
The second is Dun and Bradstreet (D and B), which is almost the same as the RMA. D and B provides industry norms and ratios and can be found on microfiche.

Potvin said the LRC is trying to fit everyone's needs.

"We need more information in the technology area, so we're trying to bridge the gap."

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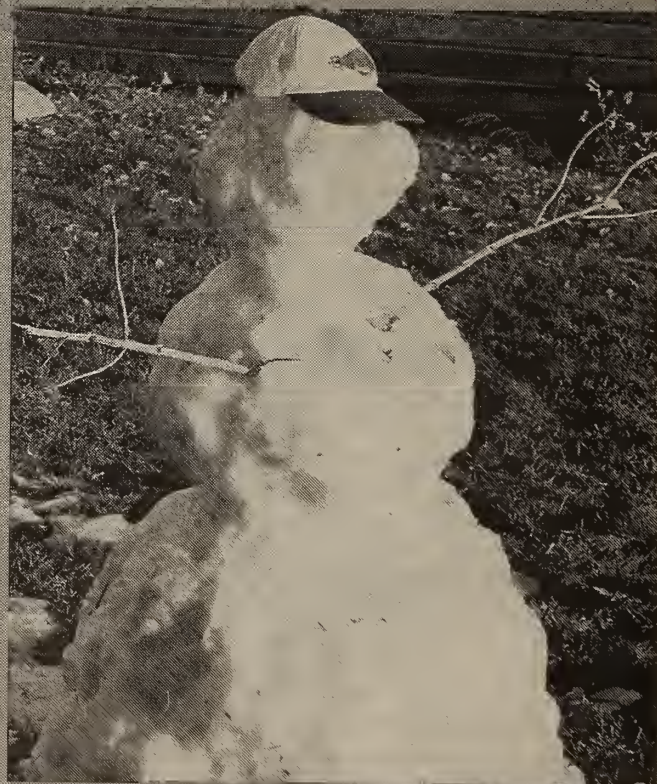
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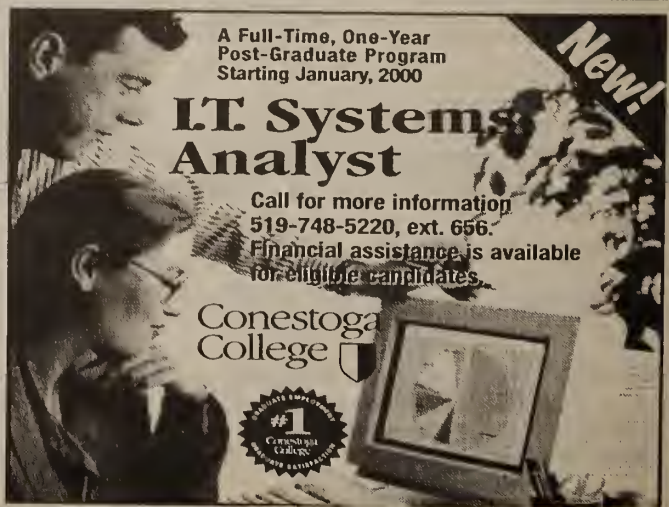
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College wants piece of money pie

By Phil Wright

The window of opportunity for the college to make a push for applied degrees and increased investment from the provincial government is now, Conestoga president John Tibbits told the college's board of governors at their meeting Oct. 25.

The time is right because the provincial government is making a significant investment in post-secondary education, said Tibbits.

In an Oct. 18 press release, the government said it is committing to the expansion of the infrastructure of Ontario's colleges and universities by moving ahead with the SuperBuild Growth Fund.

The fund is investing \$742 million this year for post-secondary institutions of which \$660 million is earmarked for new capital projects.

Tibbits told the board such investment is necessary due to the anticipated growth in first-year

Province opening up purse-strings for post-secondary institutions

students in 2003.

In that year, there will be a double graduating class from high school because of the elimination of Grade 13.

Though he believes the effect of

"You don't come to the table with everything. You need your winners."

*Conestoga president
John Tibbits*

the double cohort on first-year enrolment may not be as dramatic as anticipated, Tibbits told the board he nevertheless expects a sizable increase in the number of 18-

to 24-year-olds attending college.

Because of the anticipated growth, competition for further funding from universities will be intense and colleges lack the "immense lobbying power of universities," said Tibbits.

Universities will argue, said Tibbits, that college faculty is not qualified to teach degree-granting programs and allowing colleges to grant degrees would dilute the overall value of degrees.

The ability to offer applied degrees would enhance the value of colleges to high school graduates and would support the need for increased funding for colleges, despite the objections of universities, said Tibbits.

Applied-degree powers would also dramatically increase college

applications, said Tibbits, and would ultimately upgrade the quality of faculty.

Though some colleges question the merits of pursuing applied degrees, local organizations such as Communtech and the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce support such an initiative, Tibbits told the board.

Only select vocationally oriented programs such as nursing, electronics, robotics and information technology would be initially recommended for applied degrees, he said.

"You don't come to the table with everything," he said. "You need your winners."

Though the universities oppose such a move, the decision to grant applied degrees is ultimately a

political one, said Tibbits.

Bob Evans, faculty's representative on the board, said enlisting the help of faculty would be valuable in the pursuit of applied degrees.

In other business, board member John Sawicki circulated an Oct. 23 supplement that was included in some Sun Media newspapers entitled, a Guide to Ontario Colleges.

Though only 18 of Ontario's 25 colleges were included in the supplement, the exposure resulting from the large readership more than compensates for the \$5,000 it cost for Conestoga to contribute, said Tibbits.

In other matters, Doon Student Association president Ellen Menage told the board that she would meet with the three students who staged a protest about tuition increases at Doon campus.

The next board of governors meeting is to be held Nov. 22.

Firefighter wannabes can enrol in new program

By Anna Sajfert

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs has approved the pre-entry firefighter program, to be offered full time at Conestoga College's Doon campus beginning in September 2000.

The two-semester program, which has 552 lecture hours, will offer courses such as communication, emergency first responder, fire behaviour, fire ground operations, firefighter practice, role of firefighters in the community, hazardous materials and psychology of behaviour rescue.

The course instructors will include local firefighters.

Offering the program at the college will definitely give them the cutting edge.

The Kitchener fire department approached Conestoga and proposed the pre-entry firefighter program, which would teach candidates about fire behaviour and emergency calls, according to Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences at Conestoga College.

The association likes the college's paramedic and nursing programs and decided the program should be offered by the college because the Kitchener fire department was spending too much time training firefighters.

Offering the program at the college is a better opportunity to tie candidates with the jobs because the program will definitely give them the cutting edge, said Jeffrey.

Jeffrey said the college is expect-

ing between 30 to 35 students to enroll next September.

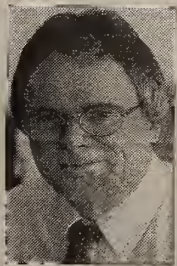
"Right now we're hoping to get an approval from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to offer the program (also) part time in January 2001," he said.

The college will also seek funding approval from OSAP for part-time students in the program.

Jim Hancock, chief of the Kitchener fire department, said there is a shortage of firefighters in the province. He added the pre-entry firefighting program would cut the costs of training, saving the department a significant amount of money.

"It's becoming very costly to train firefighters," he said. "Training ties up the firefighting staff. Besides, they are of no use to us until they are out doing the work."

Hancock said the Conestoga program would mesh with what the fire department teaches firefighters on



Jeffrey

the job.

"This way, we would take the firefighter off the shelf once he has gone through the pre-entry program, bring him into the department and off he goes," said Hancock.

The difference the pre-entry program will make is similar to the difference between an elementary and a high school diploma.

Don Trask, director of training at

the Kitchener fire department, said fire services needs a stronger training path.

"In Ontario, you can attend a school of health sciences if you want to be a nurse, but the fire services has never had such a clear career path," he said.

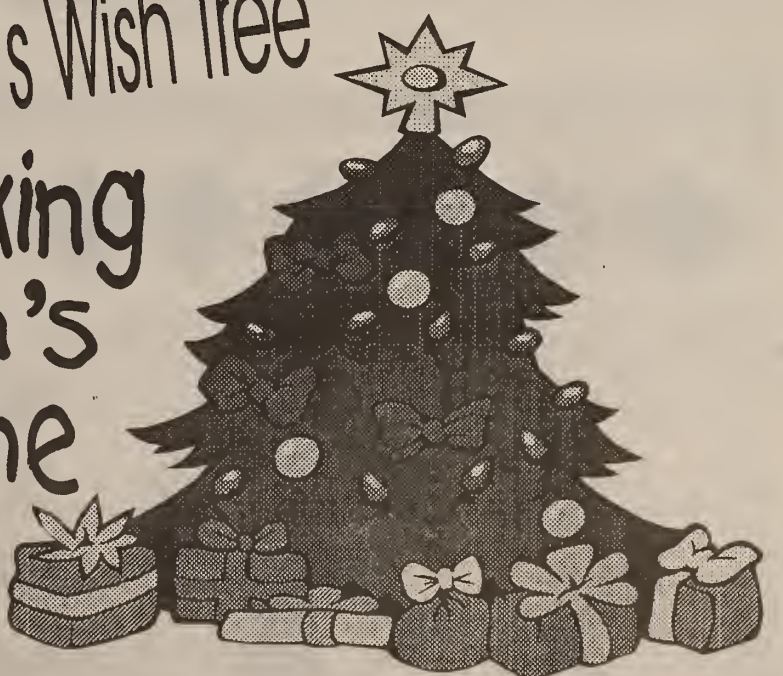
"Conestoga College has interests in the new services program, which are money, competent teachers and student employment," he said.

Trask said the City of Waterloo has just approved 40 acres of land on Erb Street, which will be used as a training facility.

Jeffrey said Conestoga is participating because the program is an applied course and the college is in the applied business.

"Conestoga is serving its mandate and mission as a college," he said. "We're expanding our mission and building an academic reputation."

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Correction

In the Nov. 8 edition, Spoke spelled John Tribe's name incorrectly in a page 3 article. Spoke apologizes for the mistake.

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Former Conestoga teacher goes home

By Phil Wright

A former Conestoga College journalism instructor discovered writing, researching and publishing a book is not only an exhausting and educational process, but when the subject matter is intensely personal it can also become a labour of love.

Jim Hagarty, a journalism instructor from September 1994 to August 1999, just released a book entitled *Home Again, an Emigrant Family Returns to Ireland*.

What began as a lifelong interest for Hagarty evolved into a personal commitment to tell the story of the discovery of an ancestral Hagarty home and its long line of inhabitants.

When he discovered the ancient home in County Cork in Ireland, which is believed to be at least 200 years old, was going to be torn down, he decided to make the necessary repairs and recover his outlay by selling a book based on the home's storied history.

However, the process of documenting a family history from a distant home took on a life of its own, said Hagarty.

"One day I sent 800 e-mails to find a descendant," said Hagarty, "and it didn't turn up anything."

Hagarty hired an American genealogy company to find the descendant and they discovered he married in Nashville in 1858, but found little beyond that, he said.

In one case Hagarty needed important information from a source suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

"It was difficult," said Hagarty. "Fortunately, he was lucid at the time."

Although relatives contributed to his

ambitious project, Hagarty said 90 per cent of the writing in the book is his own.

As an exercise in self-discipline, Hagarty vowed to make at least one phone call relating to the book every evening of the week.

The book also contains nearly 300 photographs.

Conestoga journalism instructor Jason Gennings took on the enormous task of photo editor, a job that included restoring photographs that were nearly 100 years old.

The enormity of the task forced Gennings to improve his computer skills.

"I spent at least 200 hours on this project," said Gennings, "and I must have doubled my knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Quark XPress as a result, so the project had an enormous benefit for me as an instructor."

In one particular case, a photograph was torn in half and Gennings seamlessly combined the two halves.

Gennings was also confronted with a photograph where a subject's eye was missing and another that was covered with droplets of spray paint.

In both cases, Gennings used Adobe to painstakingly restore the damaged pictures.

Despite being a book largely devoted to history, the photographs selected for the book needed to meet specific criteria, said Gennings.

"Jim tried to avoid pictures of old people, tombstones and babies," he said. "He tried to find pictures of subjects in their prime, and they also needed to tell a story."

While writing the book, Hagarty made it a point to periodically update his students of his progress.

In fact, said Hagarty, without the help of



The Hagarty family at the farmhouse circa 1900.

(Photo from *Home Again: An Emigrant Family Returns to Ireland*)

students and his knowledge obtained while teaching at Conestoga, the book wouldn't have become a reality.

The lesson he wants passed on to students after completing such an ambitious project is simple.

"If you want to do something you feel passionate about, you just have to do it," he said.

Though the book is now completed, Hagarty occasionally finds himself waking

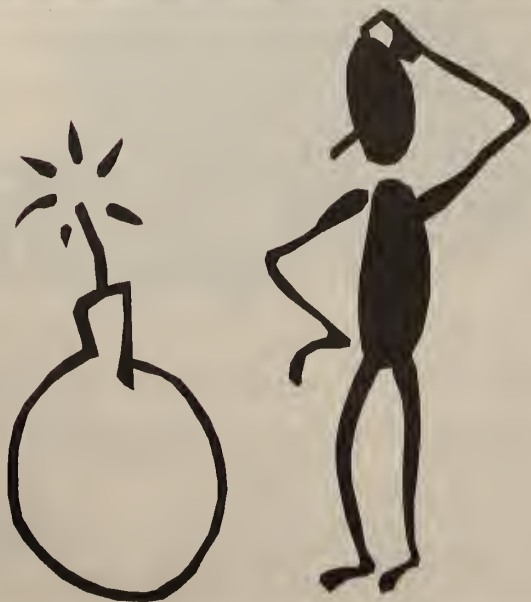
at night and checking the stacks of books he has stored in his home.

"Not only was it a labour of love, it became an obsession," he said.

The book, which is selling for \$50, is not available in bookstores. Instead, Hagarty is selling the 1,000 copies printed from his Stratford home.

He anticipates, due to the personal family value, that sales will be derived largely from relatives.

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Winning logo unanimous

By Nicole Furlong

The Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario is getting a fresh look, thanks to one of Conestoga's graphic design and advertising students.

Alice Vellema, a first-year student, competed against 29 of her classmates to design a new logo for the organization on Oct. 27. Her design won after 10 members of the committee considered the decision.

Vallema said she is excited about winning the contest, considering she only had one day to work on it.

"I didn't think they were going to pick my design," she said.

Conestoga's first-year graphics class was presented with the challenge of creating a new logo to be used on everything from name cards to T-shirts.

The students had to complete their logo design and prepare a short speech on reasons for choosing that type of logo to present to the committee on Oct. 28.

Vallema's design, which entailed a police hat and a base-

ball cap symbolizing officers and youth working together, was chosen for various reasons, according to Sgt. Rob Mayea, of the Hamilton Wentworth regional police.

Mayea said they chose Vallema's design because it was contemporary, simple and it included traditional colours including red and blue with green.

The committee especially liked the emphasis on friendship between youth and officers symbolized in Vallema's logo.

Mayea, along with Det. Doug Turner of Peel regional police, came to Conestoga on Nov. 3 on behalf of the committee, to announce the winner. They also chose two other students' designs by Sasha Drummond and Starla Wick, which will be used solely on posters.

Vince Sowa, a member of the graphic design faculty who teaches year-one students, said he agreed with the committee's decision, adding they had a tough time judging the designs.

"It was between Alice's logo and another student," he said. "In the end, though, it was a unanimous vote for Alice."



Alice Vellema touches up her winning logo which she designed for the Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario.

(Photo by Nicole Furlong)

Student wins \$500 award

Getting the money will help a great deal

By Nicole Furlong

A third-year management studies student at Conestoga has won a \$500 scholarship from the Zonta Club of Cambridge.

Rose Cherri, 27, a mother of two, said she is enthusiastic about winning the scholarship. The money will help her a great deal, she said.

"Most of all it's a real validation for me," she said. "It's a challenge being a single mom, and winning this award really boosts my self-esteem."

The award has given her

encouragement to go on in her studies, she said.

The Zonta Club, a world-wide service organization which works to advance the status of women, has been donating this award to single mothers who are working to better themselves for about five years.

The volunteer club, which has been in operation for approximately 48 years, began this scholarship fund in order to motivate young women to better themselves, says Cora Fritzley, club treasurer.

"It's nice to see somebody going back to school and better-

ing their lives," she said. "Being self-sufficient is what we want all women to do."

Criteria for winning the scholarship include being a single mother, achieving at least a B average in school, being enrolled in a non-traditional program, such as engineering and being a resident of Cambridge.

Zonta offers the award to Conestoga students only.

Students are required to apply for the scholarship, which is awarded each year, usually at the awards banquet for the program in which the winning student is enrolled.



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Unsure About Your Program Choice?

At this point in the fall term, most students are settling into a routine and beginning to feel a sense of familiarity with their classes. However, some students may feel uneasy, wondering if they have chosen the course of study best suited to them. If you are having these thoughts, try asking yourself the following questions:

- What did you think would be interesting about the program? Try to identify what you were hoping to learn.
- How do your courses differ from your expectations? Are they not challenging enough, or are you lacking some prerequisite skills or knowledge to be successful?
- What aspects of your courses are you interested in? Are these areas to be examined in greater depth later, or are they more closely related to a different program of study?
- Are there other issues that may be interfering with your involvement with school? Do you spend more time thinking about your social life, your family, sports or other activities?
- Why did you decide to come to college? Are you looking to gain qualifications for a specific career goal? Are you living up to the expectations of family and friends?
- Did you come to college because you weren't sure what else to do after high school?
- Talking about these issues can help clarify you clarify your goals. If you would like to discuss questions about your college and future career, please drop by Student Services and ask to speak to a counsellor.

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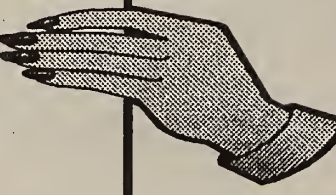
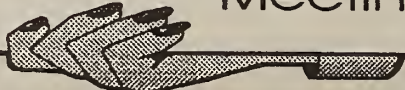



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Rascalz:

Global Warning will move you

By Talisha Matheson

Finally, the wait is over. The anticipated CD, Global Warning, hit the streets Oct. 26 and proved

Global Warning is an exceptional CD, but Cash Crop is superior.

the Rascalz are hip hop MVPs.

MCing, DJing and break-dancing are the three elements of hip hop and not many Canadian rap

groups represent all three as skillfully as the Rascalz.

Global Warning boasts a plethora of tracks and interludes that showcase precise lyrics over remarkable beats.

Twenty head-bobbing, body-shaking tracks will make you get out of your seat and shake all that is within, while the tantalizing lyrics stick in your head.

Featured Canadian hip hop artists, Choclaire, Kardinal Offishall and K-OS, mixed with Rascalz style will leave you mesmerized.

Global Warning is an exceptional CD, but their last release, Cash



Crop, reigns superior.

Cash Crop had its share of featured artists, but Global Warning went overboard, with more than 50 per cent of the songs featuring popular artists.

With Global Warning the Rascalz lost their credibility to be able to rhyme on their own. At the



CD art

beginning of the CD the Rascalz promised to, "leave your body numb" and by the end, you won't be able to move.

Be on the lookout for their

embrace of the three elements that represent hip hop culture: MCing, DJing and break-dancing. This is what Global Warning and the Rascalz are all about.

New album will make your skull glow

By Brian Gall

Voodoo Glow Skulls' new release, Exitos al Carbon, is not just another greatest hits compilation.

Only two new songs appear on the album, but what makes it so awesome is that every song is done in Spanish.

Voodoo has been called Latino-punk and has recorded Spanish songs on all of their past four albums. Two tracks from their first record, Who Is This Is?, appear on the new record. Every other tune originally appears on either Firme or Baile De Los Locos. Not one track from The Band Geek Mafia, with whom they toured last winter, makes an appearance on Exitos al Carbon.

Most tunes were originally recorded in Spanish but a couple have been translated to English.

Randy Gordo (Fat Randy), first released on Firme, will make your skull glow.

This six-piece band contains three Casillas brothers. Frank the vocalist and Eddie the guitarist are



amazingly complemented by Jorge, the bassist. A saxophone and a trombone are also thrown into the mix, molding a jumpy punk sound with killer, funky horns.

Exitos al Carbon was released on Grita! Records of New York City. Voodoo's last three albums were released by Epitaph.

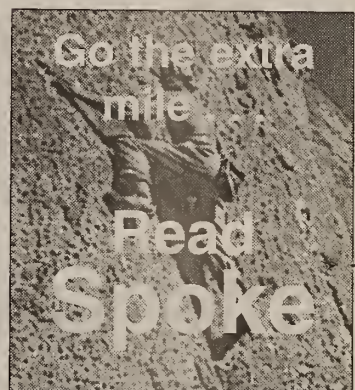
A November tour of Europe includes shows in London, Paris and Copenhagen.

Originally from Riverside, Calif., the band has been together since 1988. And they've been practising. It's hard to find a tighter band than Voodoo Glow Skulls.

Even fans with every Voodoo album should buy Exitos al Carbon.



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Raekwon: *Imobilarity*

Gov't Mule: *Live . . . With a little help from our friends*

Korn: *Issues*

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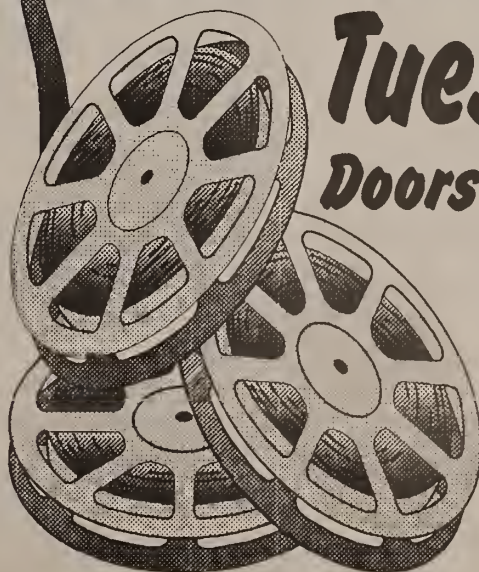
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Condor Darrell Woodley faces off against a Humber Hawks player at a men's hockey game on Nov. 3 at Conestoga. The Condors were defeated 5-3.

(Photo by Nicole Furlong)

Hawks dine on Condors

Excess penalty minutes cause Conestoga team to lose their second game of the 1999 season

By Nicole Furlong

Thanks to an unbelievable number of penalty minutes, Conestoga was defeated by the Humber Hawks 5-3 in their fourth league game of the season on Nov. 3 at home, taking their record to 1-2-0 (win, loss, tie).

Conestoga served 71 minutes in the penalty box, opposed to Humber's 43.

Although the action was in Conestoga's end for the majority of the first period, the score was tied at 1-1 by the end of the period.

Kyle Boulton scored for Conestoga about 16 minutes into the game. He was assisted by Dave Galbraith and Shane Neil.

The home team had a difficult second period as Humber scored three goals, two of them off the top of the period, while Conestoga netted one.



Darrell Woodley scored for the Condors with assists from Greg Thede and Boulton.

The last period followed suit as Woodley scored his second goal for the Condors making the score 4-3 halfway through the third.

Assists were made by Ian MacDonald and Boulton.

With time left on the clock and a slim chance the Condors might still win, Humber scored the final goal of the game, leaving the score 5-3.

Convening was tedious throughout the game, especially in the final minutes.

Humber had a five-to-three-man advantage on the ice as the minutes wound down in the game.

Coach Ken Galerno, however, said the refereeing was fine.

"A winning team doesn't blame their loss on the refereeing," he said.

Galerno added he was disappointed in the team's play this game.

"We're struggling with a fair amount of unnecessary penalty minutes," he said.

And Conestoga's key players are the ones collecting most of the minutes in the box.

"We took ourselves out of the game," Galerno said.

Goalie Jamie Taylor, who played the entire game for the Condors, faced 46 shots on net.

The team's next game will be Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Conestoga College.

Crash kills CART driver

Greg Moore's career comes to a tragic end

It was a tragic way to end the CART season, as well as a career.

Canadian Greg Moore, 24, was killed on Oct. 30 when his car spun out of control and crashed into a wall on the first lap of a restart of the Marlboro 500, at the California Speedway in Fontana.

Moore lost control of his Reynard/Mercedes-Benz while coming off the second turn. The car rocketed sideways off the track, on to a grassy area.

The wheels dug into the grass, sending it into a sideways spin about 10 metres before a concrete retaining wall. The car then flipped and slammed head-on into the wall at 370 kilometres per hour. Moore's head took most of the force of impact.

The car then shattered into pieces, finally coming to stop upside down on Moore's head.

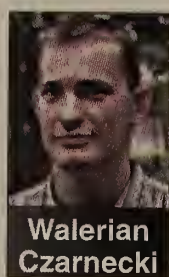
Dr. Steve Olvey, CART director of medical affairs, said Moore died from massive head and internal injuries.

It is believed that Moore brushed the wall at the first turn and that caused a right-side tire to deflate, which caused loss of control and the accident.

There are many theories as to why Greg Moore was killed. There are claims that the cars are too fast and should be slowed down. There are claims there are not enough safety measures in the sport.

One of the more controversial was that Moore should not have been allowed to race, as he was injured in a previous accident.

His left-hand ring finger was broken and he had suffered lacerations in 0a scooter accident the



Walerian Czarnecki

day before the race.

But both Olvey and Dr. Terry Trammwell, an orthopedic surgeon, cleared Moore for the race after a 15-lap test.

I do not believe the doctors made a mistake. They believed Moore was fit enough. Moore himself was a professional driver. If he felt unable to race safely, he would not have raced.

The fault does not lie in the doctors' hands or Greg Moore's.

The drivers in CART and Formula One are highly skilled and there are a lot of safety precautions already in place, but sometimes a driver loses control and just becomes a passenger, said Mauricio Gugelmin, veteran CART driver, in an interview with the Toronto Star.

Racing by its nature is a dangerous sport. There are risks involved that all drivers are aware of. Just days before the race, Moore acknowledged those risks.

Accidents, as unfortunate as they are, happen.

This was the fourth driver fatality in CART's 20-year history, yet the second in two months.

Jim Hickman was killed in practice in Milwaukee in 1982. Jeff Krosnoff was killed at the 1996 Molson Indy in Toronto. That crash also killed two corner workers.

Gonzalo Rodriguez was killed during practice on Sept. 11 at Laguna Seca Raceway.

It is shameful that safety issues are raised only when accidents occur. In such a dangerous sport, safety should be a priority before someone gets killed.


It is unfortunate that such a talented driver's death should cause people to question safety. These issues should be addressed before someone dies.

It is a costly mistake to learn from.

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